(*b*) how many dams are there in the above Aru ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) One.

Kanyanthodu.

259. ✻**MR. K. R. NARAYANAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to furnish the following information regarding Kaniyanthodu (Vaikom Irrigation) :

(*a*) the date on which investigation was completed ;

(*b*) the date on which the matter was brought to the attention of the department ;

(*c*) the estimate amount ; and

(*d*) the stage at which the work is at present ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) 2-9-1937.

(*b*) 3-9-1934.

(*c*) Rs. 3,820.

(*d*) Land acquisition is being taken up under the urgency clause.

Arthi thodu.

260 ✻**MR. V. MADHAVAN** (*Vaikom cum Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) when the construction of the Arthithodu (ആർത്തിതോട്) in Maravanthuruthu pakuthi, Vaikom taluk was sanctioned ; and

(*b*) why that work has not been started as yet ;

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) 29-5-1942.

(*b*) Due to non-acquisition of lands and the failure of the contractor selected.

MR. V. MADHAVAN: May I know from the Chief Engineer whether any other contractor has made any offer to take up the work ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: None, that I am aware. But the original estimate was for Rs. 8,730. There was an offer for Rs. 22,500. An estimate was prepared and sanctioned. Thereafter the latest offer is about Rs. 8,000 over the estimated cost.

Arthithodu.

261 ✻**MR. K. R. NARAYANAN:** Will the Government be pleased to state when they sanctioned the construction of the Arthithodu (Vaikom Irrigation) and the present stage of the work ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: 29-5-42.

The work is yet to be taken up.

Foot-bridge at Kavilkadavu at Chengalam.

262. ✻**MR. V. MADHAVAN:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the construction of a foot-bridge at Kavilkadavu at Chengalam in Kottayam taluk has been sanctioned ;

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, when it was sanctioned ; and

(*c*) why the work has not been started as yet ?

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DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) On 2-4-1936.

(*c*) The question of constructing a bridge need be considered only when the roads on either side of the crossing are completed.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikom cum Kottayam*): May I know from the honourable member, what stands in the way of the department for building the approach road as stated herein?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : I believe that a requisition for that approach road had not been received earlier. It has been received only recently and the matter is under enquiry.

Irrigation tanks and channels of the State.

263 ✻ **MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether Government have taken steps to improve the irrigation tanks and channels or canals of the State as an immediate factor relating to the Grow More Food Campaign, if not, why ; and

(*b*) whether Government have taken steps to improve the irrigation canals of Mavelikara and Kunnattur taluks in pursuance of the question asked in this Assembly, if not, why?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : May I know from the honourable member what steps have been taken by the Government with regard to (a) and (b)?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : I think one estimate has recently been sanctioned for about Rs. 6313 and the other estimates are under preparation.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : May I know from the honourable member whether any report has been called for from the irrigational officers with regard to those canals and dams in the Kunnathur and Mavelikara taluks?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : I mentioned about it first. One estimate has already been sanctioned and the others are under preparation.

Road from Big Bridge to Thamarakulam.

264 ✻ **MR. K. A. MAHOMED** (*Quilon cum Kottarakara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the improvements to the road from Big Bridge to Thamarakulam and protecting the canal banks have been completed;

(*b*) if not completed, the reasons for the same ; and

(*c*) when it can be expected to be finished ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : (*a*) No, only partly done.

(*b*) Due to the war situation.

(*c*) Within 2 or 3 years.

MR. K. A. MAHOMED : May I know the year in which the estimate for this work has been sanctioned?

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